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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-29. (canceled)

30. (currently amended) A package, comprising:

a plurality of substantially cylindrical articles disposed on sides thereof in a plurality of rows, wherein the endmost article in each of said plurality of rows defines an endmost column of articles and the articles adjacent to the said endmost column of articles define a second endmost column of articles; and

a carton enclosing said articles, the carton comprising:

a first wall extending along ends of said articles in each of said rows;

a second wall hingedly connected to said first wall and extending along the sides of the articles in the said endmost column; and

at least one detachable portion detachably formed at least in part from said first wall and at least in part from said second wall, said at least one detachable portion that is to be detached from said carton to define an opening that extends along said first wall, said opening exposing:

no more than a portion of one end of each of two said articles in the endmost column and a space between said two articles in said the endmost column and two said articles in said the second endmost column, said space being defined by said articles that are in two adjacent rows.

31. (previously presented) The package of Claim 30, wherein said plurality of rows consists of an upper row and a lower row.

32-33. (canceled)

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34. (currently amended) A package, comprising:
a plurality of substantially cylindrical articles disposed on sides thereof in a plurality of rows; and
a carton enclosing said articles, the carton comprising:
a first wall extending along ends of said articles in each of said rows;
a second wall hingedly connected to said first wall and extending along the sides of the endmost articles in each of said rows;
a severance line, comprising:
an upper segment and a lower segment ~~severance line~~ in said second wall; and
a connecting segment ~~severance line~~ in said first wall, said connecting segment ~~severance line~~ interconnecting said upper segment and said lower segment ~~severance lines~~;
wherein:
the endmost article in each of said plurality of rows ~~defines~~ is in an endmost column of articles;
the articles adjacent to the said endmost column of articles ~~defines~~ are in a second endmost column of articles; and
said connecting segment ~~severance line~~ defines an opening that extends along said first wall, said opening exposing a space between two said articles in said the endmost column and two said articles in said the second endmost column, said space being defined by articles that are in two adjacent rows.

35. (previously presented) The package of Claim 34, wherein said plurality of rows consists of an upper row and a lower row.

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36. (currently amended) The package of Claim 34, wherein the maximum distance between said connecting segment ~~severance line~~ in said first wall and the hinged connection between said first wall and said second wall is less than the twice the diameter of one of said articles.

37-39. (canceled)

40. (new) The package of Claim 34, wherein said opening further exposes no more than a portion of said end of each of two said articles in the endmost column.

41. (new) The package of Claim 30, wherein said opening extends entirely across said second wall.

42. (new) The package of Claim 41, wherein:
said carton further comprises a third wall hingedly connected to said second wall; and
said at least one detachable portion is further formed at least in part from said third wall such that said opening extends entirely across said second wall and along said third wall.

43. (new) The package of Claim 42, wherein said opening further exposes no more than a portion of the opposite end of each of said two articles in said endmost column.